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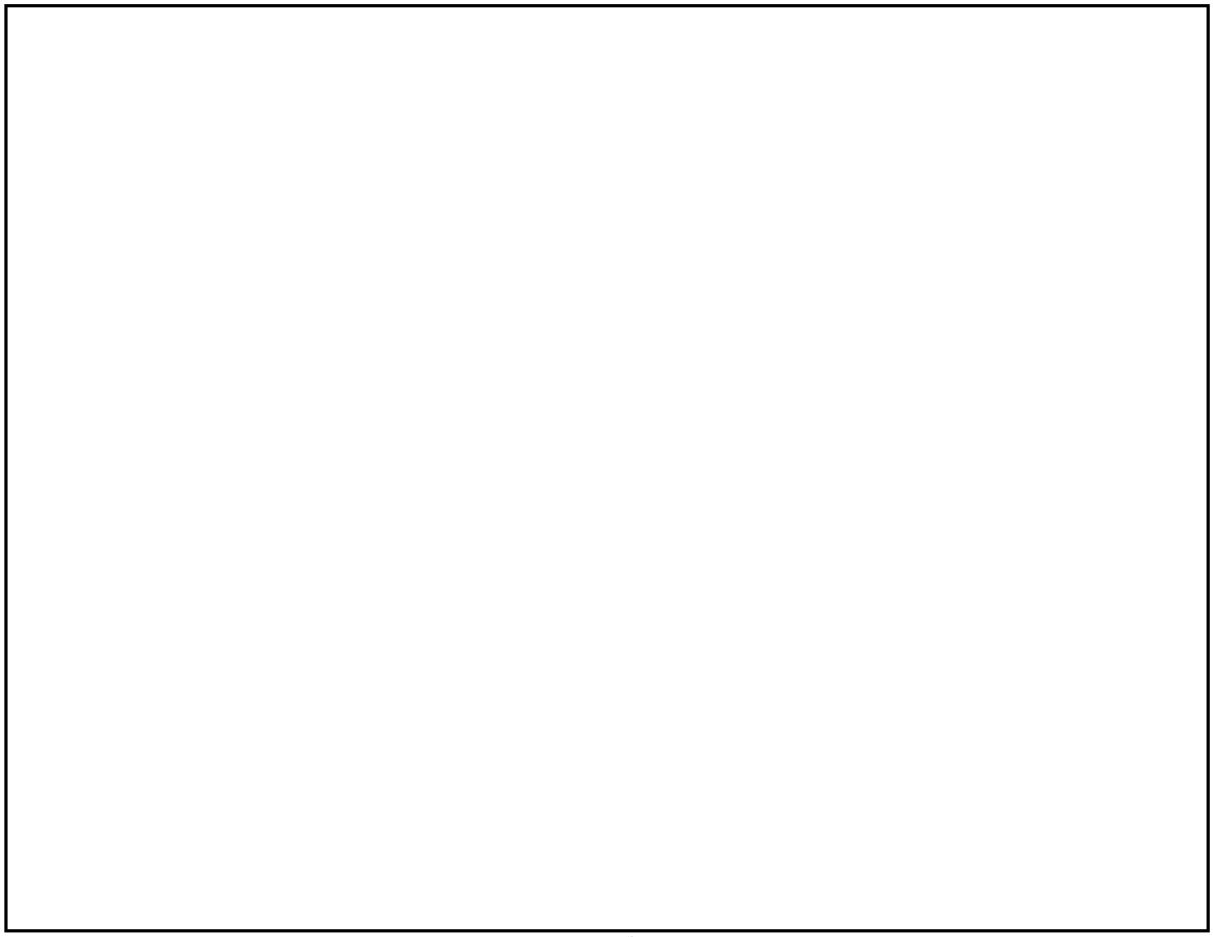

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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

The Indonesian Situation
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1. The army's efforts to destroy the PKI are continuing and a new test of strength with Sukarno may be developing. 25X1

3. Following a meeting between Sukarno and armed forces chiefs today, General Suharto announced that Sukarno would deliver an important message to all regional military commanders on 20 November. The fact that this announcement came from Suharto suggests that the meeting may be at army initiative, with the military again pressing its demand that the PKI be formally outlawed. A showdown between the army and Sukarno may be in the offing, but it is possible that both side may again back away from a direct confrontation.

4. In other anti-PKI action by the army, Defense Minister Nasution today publicly ordered a purge of all elements within the army who had prior knowledge of the coup attempt. In addition, military commanders in Sumatra and the Celebes issued orders today warning their subordinates not to allow PKI members to infiltrate other political parties or to form new organizations under Communist control. This may be an indication of army plans to forestall the reconstitution of the PKI under a different name.

5. The army also reported yesterday that it had foiled a PKI plot to take over the Central Javanese city of Jogjakarta. This, the second announcement of this nature in four days, is apparently part of an army attempt to prove that Communist insurgents are still a major threat to the government.

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6. The anti-Communist political parties are also continuing their attacks on the PKI despite Sukarno's contrary instructions to them on 10 November. Today, the Indonesian parliament, in the past a rubber stamp for Sukarno, passed a resolution calling for a banning of the PKI. Anti-Communist newspapers are also continuing their attacks on the extreme left, hitting at the PKI, Foreign Minister Subandrio and by indirection at Sukarno himself.

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